

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - OCTOBER, 1962

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State: at 30.6.1962

Metropolitan: at 31.12.1961

Males- 384,132 Females- 370,345 Persons- 754,477

Persons- 425,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	SEPTEMBER				Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER			
	1962		1961		1962		1961	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	432	6.93	425	6.98	4,012	7.10	3,840	6.95
Births	1,371	22.01	1,390	22.83	12,914	22.87	12,972	23.49
Deaths	446	7.16	497	8.16	4,449	7.88	4,339	7.86
Infant Mortality (b)	21	15.32	28	20.14	281	21.76	248	19.12

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	3,741	4,234	12,629	11,990	8,368	12,377	28,900	33,835
Interstate	10,941	10,103	30,873	25,919	3,668	7,330	10,859	12,830
Total:	14,682	14,337	43,502	37,909	12,036	19,707	39,759	46,665

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	153,222	146,310	1,138,001	715,327
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	96,861	60,234	16,079,874	6,665,581

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	5,502,210	5,925,093	22,443,709	23,254,777
Revenue per Head of Population	7.2	8.0	29.6	31.4
Expenditure	7,386,944	6,111,309	25,832,061	24,252,326
Expenditure per Head of Population	9.7	8.2	34.1	32.8

SAVINGS BANKS

Amounts due to Depositors	At the end of OCTOBER		
	1962	1961	1960
	£	£	£
Total	97,050,035	85,238,116	81,793,074
Per Head of Population	127.5	114.7	112.4

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings (£ million)											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1960	21.4	22.0	22.3	19.4	22.3	21.7	21.7	21.7	22.7	23.8	24.0	25.5
1961	25.5	22.7	23.4	23.5	24.0	21.6	23.1	21.6	23.2	24.6	23.8	26.9
1962	25.9	26.5	26.4	24.8	25.9	24.1	26.3	24.6	24.8	27.2	-	-

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No.	2,271	1,854	8,599	6,921
	£	4,829,329	3,526,588	18,953,966	12,878,209
Mortgages	No.	1,753	1,380	6,501	5,448
	£	4,454,207	2,830,648	16,050,496	11,521,470
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,213	1,072	4,938	4,189

SALE OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	13,827	12,497	56,840	46,838
Net Taxable Sales	6,458	4,828	22,564	18,657
Tax Collected	876	699	3,072	2,852

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		OCTOBER		Four Months ended October	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	61	31	231	134
Nominal Capital	£.	3,625,000	2,443,000	22,015,000	7,890,000
Foreign	No.	14	12	70	56

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Four Months ended OCTOBER					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	63	101,635	16,717	54	82,364	22,762
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	33	135,646	121,247	34	128,176	100,181

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways (including the Railway Road Service)

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Gross Earnings	£ 1,161,000	1,410,800	3,846,500	4,423,300
Operating Expenses	£ 1,206,820	1,313,821	3,947,161	4,060,602
Train Miles Run	581,285	664,916	1,854,098	2,046,329
Motor Bus Miles	151,736	136,943	326,386	297,205
Passenger Journeys -				
Train	1,143,823	1,272,405	3,058,976	3,217,241
Motor Bus	(a) 20,916	(b) 23,541	(c) 67,827	(d) 66,190
Tonnage Carried -				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	272,563	384,695	1,007,391	1,298,663
Free (Departmental)	53,914	53,138	163,793	150,429
Livestock	16,096	15,423	35,370	35,689
Total:	342,573	453,256	1,206,554	1,484,781
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	43,565,990	59,933,016	159,731,170	198,754,004
Free (Departmental)	5,625,105	6,703,023	17,122,919	17,611,053
Livestock	2,451,185	2,191,413	5,343,712	5,211,194
Total:	51,642,280	68,827,452	182,197,801	221,576,251

(a) 4 weeks ended 8th September

(c) Period 1st July to 8th September

(b) 4 weeks ended 9th September

(d) Period 1st July to 9th September

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Quantity	Fine oz.	78,896	71,041	641,974	633,067
Value (Aust. Currency)	£	1,232,752	1,110,015	10,030,852	9,891,670
Dividends reported by					
Gold Mining Companies	£	-	-	1,162,226	1,254,026

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
1961 -										
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84
1962 -										
January	635	166	158	-	75	979	290	390	4	94
February	759	172	246	4	63	1,105	302	486	17	92
March	848	237	271	3	68	1,208	389	577	8	94
April	737	182	205	4	40	1,122	300	456	8	64
May	980	295	281	6	68	1,354	418	552	13	87
June	1,173	274	282	3	41	1,669	447	538	8	71
July	778	250	238	6	42	1,206	386	529	8	62
August	1,131	329	214	5	37	1,709	475	457	7	54
September	976	328	214	2	46	1,473	520	462	11	59

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
1962 -								
January	94,350	27,325	576	8,530	143,365	70,646	1,154	12,004
February	94,838	27,343	575	8,489	144,999	71,482	1,265	12,096
March	95,316	27,363	575	8,443	146,507	72,227	1,272	12,164
April	96,419	27,495	582	8,440	147,078	71,880	1,272	11,954
May	97,079	27,502	585	8,369	149,071	72,848	1,284	12,041
June	97,977	27,490	585	8,285	151,013	73,454	1,294	12,052
July	100,562	27,996	594	8,244	150,433	71,627	1,290	11,588
August	101,532	27,960	599	8,152	152,559	71,950	1,286	11,480
September	102,363	27,960	604	8,121	154,890	72,729	1,295	11,587

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
1961-62	5,016	1,867	6,883	21,711	6,010	8,690	14,700	25,365	14,468	39,883
1961:										
October	434	185	619	1,940	593	1,216	1,809	2,279	1,788	4,067
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373
1962:										
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203
February	461	199	660	2,015	373	279	652	2,045	884	2,929
March	468	254	722	2,177	472	615	1,087	2,199	1,346	3,545
April	388	106	494	1,595	630	267	897	2,154	598	2,752
May	499	104	603	1,935	487	760	1,247	2,427	1,158	3,585
June	405	81	486	1,638	577	962	1,539	2,201	1,250	3,451
July	500	116	616	1,985	1,035	1,021	2,056	2,952	1,407	4,359
August	444	148	592	2,060	794	515	1,309	2,838	941	3,779
September	458	125	583	1,904	475	462	937	2,347	825	3,172
October	540	225	765	2,367	691	575	1,266	2,895	1,122	4,017

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The figures in the following two tables cover the operations of all builders who accept contracts for the construction of new buildings, "day-labour" building by Government Agencies and the activities of "Owner-Builders".

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings (a)				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
1962 -										
March Qr.	278	778	1,117	3,717	29	217	230	2,977	1,654	7,689
June Qr.	247	743	1,451	5,201	26	263	228	3,807	1,952	10,014
Sept. Qr.	202	666	1,725	5,844	53	597	261	5,632	2,241	12,739

(a) Includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Material of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
1962 -										
March Qr.	984	3,367	9	20	324	850	3	4	1,320	4,241
June Qr.	1,244	4,291	59	314	324	947	4	8	1,631	5,561
Sept. Qr.	1,446	5,141	8	21	322	904	3	9	1,779	6,075

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series : Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June						
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
1962	123.5	111.7	146.4	107.3	125.3	121.6
Quarters:						
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3
1962 - March	123.4	111.8	147.1	107.1	124.9	121.5
June	124.2	111.5	147.8	107.2	124.9	121.8
September	124.7	111.7	148.8	107.2	124.8	122.1

AGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry. Female Private Domestic and Personnel in Defence Forces.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
1960:				1961 (Cont.):			
October	143.3	50.4	193.7	October	143.0	50.4	193.4
November	143.9	50.7	194.6	November	143.9	51.0	194.9
December	143.8	51.2	195.0	December	143.5	50.7	194.2
1961:				1962:			
January	142.8	50.0	192.8	January	144.3	50.5	194.8
February	143.1	50.4	193.5	February	145.0	51.0	196.0
March	143.1	50.7	193.8	March	146.3	52.1	198.4
April	143.3	50.8	194.1	April	145.6	52.0	197.6
May	142.8	50.6	193.4	May	146.4	52.1	198.5
June	142.2	49.9	192.1	June	146.5	51.9	198.4
July	142.0	49.9	191.9	July	146.5	51.9	198.4
August	142.9	49.9	192.8	August	146.5	51.9	198.4
September	143.6	50.1	193.7	September	147.2	52.5	199.7

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
January	241	232	231	229	234	242	244
February	241	235	233	231	237	241	246
March	240	236	234	233	238	241	247
April	239	234	233	233	237	241	245
May	238	234	230	232	238	239	247
June	235	231	228	229	237	236	246
July	231	229	229	231	239	234	247
August	230	229	229	232	240	237	247
September	233	232	230	233	243	240	249
October	233	232	232	234	242	241	
November	233	233	231	235	244	242	
December	232	232	231	235	243	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
30/10/61 (a)	14. 18. 9	11. 4. 1	14. 17. 3	11. 2. 11	14. 11. 6	10. 18. 8

(a) The rates declared to operate from this date have not subsequently been varied.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
September, 1962	19,920	2,270	128,835	141,028	21,128
1961	17,783	1,363	129,338	194,877	23,801
3 Months ended September, 1962(a)	75,849	6,814	373,775	251,554	69,542
1961	64,076	3,996	349,389	357,264	66,553

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(b)
September, 1962	3,854	109	2,411	1,939	1,025
1961	3,709	68	2,545	2,843	1,217
3 Months ended September, 1962(a)	15,214	313	6,930	3,301	3,377
1961	13,948	185	6,851	5,106	3,480

(a) July and August figures revised. (b) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
9 Months ended September 1961	3,140	4,549	1,764	2,592	4,904	7,141	56	127	2,261	3,461
1962	3,303	4,825	1,853	2,664	5,156	7,489	62	133	2,413	3,620
1962 -										
January	338	505	187	292	525	797	6	26	239	396
February	340	472	220	304	560	776	6	12	276	399
March	347	503	223	324	570	827	9	17	285	424
April	364	515	169	268	533	783	8	20	225	396
May	392	585	216	303	608	888	9	17	275	403
June	352	510	216	297	568	807	9	16	272	397
July	430	621	229	317	659	938	6	9	329	454
August	348	545	185	261	533	806	5	10	246	354
September	392	569	208	298	600	867	5	7	265	396

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961			1962									
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2	26. 0	20. 1	19. 2	15. 0	10. 4	10. 5	8. 1	9. 8	9. 4
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	47. 1	36. 0	22. 2	27.11	31.11	35. 2	-
- Val.	bush.	28.11	29. 8	31.11	35. 4	31. 0	30.11	43. 5	30. 9	-	-	-	23.10	22. 7
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 0	9	1. 1	10	9	10	11	11	1. 2	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	21. 3	34. 3	45.10	-	-	20. 6	25.10	26. 0	28. 5	32. 5	30.11	49. 9	51. 6
- Other	bush.	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3	27. 7	25. 2	33. 7	34. 0	37. 8	48. 2	54.10	62. 3	64. 0
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	30. 0	20. 9	19. 4	19. 0	20. 2	25. 6	22. 4	-	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	26. 6	29. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	29. 4	30. 2	29.10	34.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	22. 0	29.11	28.10	21. 0	20.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	Open flat cases	-	-	29. 3	22. 7	23. 0	22. 5	22. 2	27. 0	-	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	5. 8	7.11	6. 6	9. 5	15. 4	10. 4	6. 6	4.11	5.11	14. 2	10. 2	12. 0	8. 3
Cauliflowers	dozen	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2	-	18. 0	26. 8	9. 0	16. 0	24. 1	24. 1	9. 2	10. 5	22.11
Lettuce	crate	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8	24. 5	11. 7	7. 1	7.10	9. 9	20. 5	12.10	5. 9	5.11
Table Celery	doz. head	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6	11. 3	12. 0	8. 0	4. 6	4. 7	7. 2	9. 0	8. 5	7. 7
Beetroot	cwt.	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8	38. 3	36. 3	28. 5	23. 5	23. 3	33. 6	31. 9	39.10	39. 6
Carrots	cwt.	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1	36. 0	34. 0	40. 9	30. 1	23. 6	19.10	20. 7	26. 0	35. 4
Parsnips	cwt.	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1	76. 6	69. 5	67. 6	66. 1	63. 8	47. 8	40. 9	35. 0	38.11
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	7. 1	5.10	8. 1	10. 3	12.10	7. 3	5. 3	6. 3	8. 7	17. 3	7. 6	4.10	5. 2
Swedes	cwt.	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1	55.10	46. 4	31. 9	34. 7	42. 0	35. 9	28. 6	24. 0	32. 6
Runner Beans	lb.	11	1. 6	10	1. 8	1. 8	8	9	1. 0	1. 2	1. 2	1. 5	1. 3	1. 1
Peas	lb.	11	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6	1. 9	1. 9	1. 1	1. 4	1. 8	1. 7	1. 1	10	10
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	6	5	7	9	7	5	5	4	4	5	5	6	5
Pumpkin	bag	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6	22. 1	23.11	23.11	20. 4	20. 2	21.10	19. 2	21.11	21. 3
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1	27. 6	21. 9	11. 8	10. 1	25.11	33. 1	27. 8	21. 3	24. 2
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	(b)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	50. 0.0	40. 0.0	(a)
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961			1962									
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
SHEEP	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Suckers	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	-	-	-	-	4.16. 5	5. 1. 8	3.17. 1	3. 2. 9	3. 1.10
Lambs													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.15. 3	4.16. 0	5.12. 8	5. 9. 0	3.19. 7	-	-
Shorn	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	3.12. 4	4. 2. 3	3.17. 5	4. 0. 6	4.10. 8	4. 4.10	3. 4. 2	-	2.10. 2
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	2.17. 8	3. 4. 7	3.11.11	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	2.12. 3	2.12. 6
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 8	3.18.10	3. 4. 7	-	2. 6. 5
Shorn	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	2.12. 0	2.12. 3	2.14.10	3. 4. 8	2.18.10	2.16. 2	2. 3. 4	1.18. 9	1.14. 0
Wethers													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 5	4. 0. 5	3.15. 9	4. 6. 0	4.14. 3	3.18. 0	-	-
Shorn	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	3. 2. 7	3. 2. 9	2.19. 7	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 8	3.11. 8	2. 8. 0	2.10. 8	2. 6. 8
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	33.17.11	34.17. 8	34. 0. 1	34.19. 4	36. 6. 3	35.18. 9	38.14. 6	38.14. 4	37.13.10
Heifers	-	-	-	-	34.12. 5	36.14. 5	-	36. 6. 6	40.16. 0	43.10.11	42.14.10	40.14.11	-
Cows	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	40.18. 8	42.18.11	44. 0. 4	42. 6. 9	45.10. 5	42.10. 8	45.18. 7	43. 8. 8	40.12. 0
Steers	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	45. 9.11	45.15. 4	47.11. 5	45.16. 2	54. 0. 10	52. 5. 3	50. 3. 7	49.14. 7	44. 8. 0
Bullocks	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	-	-	-	-	63. 9. 3	56.16. 4	58.14. 7	52.12. 0	51. 2. 5
PIGS													
Slips	-	-	-	-	3.11. 8	-	-	-	-	3.15. 0	4.15. 6	6. 1. 3	-
Porkers	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	8. 1. 6	8.10. 4	8. 4. 1	8. 3.11	8.17. 6	8.17.10	9. 9. 6	10.12. 7	10.15. 0
Baconers	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	11. 0. 4	12.13. 4	12. 0. 7	11.14. 1	12.18. 6	13.16. 2	14. 8.11	14.16.11	15.11. 4

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	2.10	-	4. 8	-	-	-	3. 5	3. 2	3. 3	3. 4	3. 4	3. 3	2.10
" Cocks	2.10	3. 1	4. 1	-	-	3. 4	3. 4	3. 1	3. 3	3. 3	3. 3	3. 2	3. 1
Ducks	2.10	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3	2. 2	2. 1	1.10	1.10	1.11	2. 2	2. 3	2. 6	2. 8
Drakes	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4	2. 1	2. 1	1.11	1.10	2. 0	2. 1	2. 3	2. 6	2. 9
Geese	-	-	2. 8	-	-	-	-	2. 0	1.10	-	1. 8	-	1. 7
Cockerels	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	2. 8	2. 8	2.10	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 8	2. 6	2. 5
Capons	2. 9	3. 0	3. 2	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	3. 1	3. 0	3. 0	2.11	2.10	2. 8	2. 6
Hens	1.10	1.11	1.10	1. 9	1. 9	2. 0	2. 2	1.11	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE AND OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT OPERATIONS
OF RETAIL BUSINESSES AND NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES

(£'000)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Balances Outstanding at end of Period (including Hiring Charges, etc.)
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)	Total (All Goods)	
HIRE PURCHASE					
1956-57	9,362	827	4,645	14,834	18,141
1958-59 (b)	12,532	1,444	6,835	20,811	26,639
1959-60	15,386	1,736	9,819	26,941	34,792
1960-61	14,568	2,021	7,789	24,378	38,050
Quarters -					
1959 - December	4,129	797	2,581	7,507	30,853
1960 - March	3,723	306	2,594	6,623	31,908
June	4,182	330	2,873	7,385	34,792
September	4,297	418	2,036	6,751	36,963
December	4,278	898	2,133	7,309	40,264
1961 - March	2,898	354	1,720	4,972	38,344
June	3,095	351	1,900	5,346	38,050
September	3,151	380	1,664	5,195	37,459
December	3,520	1,041	1,971	6,532	38,598
1962 - March	3,815	595	1,421	5,831	36,917
OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT (c)					
1956-57	20	17	2,289	2,326	1,005
1958-59 (b)	737	20	3,331	4,088	3,017
1959-60	1,887	32	4,311	6,230	4,232
1960-61	1,155	43	6,398	7,596	5,982
Quarters -					
1959 - December	631	13	1,264	1,908	3,484
1960 - March	560	5	912	1,477	3,834
June	316	8	1,234	1,558	4,232
September	281	12	1,826	2,119	4,957
December	411	14	2,078	2,503	5,946
1961 - March	248	7	1,086	1,341	5,585
June	215	10	1,408	1,633	5,982
September	223	14	1,507	1,744	6,358
December	240	11	1,614	1,865	7,006
1962 - March	352	11	1,445	1,808	7,435
T O T A L					
1956-57	9,382	844	6,934	17,160	19,146
1958-59 (b)	13,269	1,464	10,166	24,899	29,656
1959-60	17,273	1,768	14,130	33,171	39,024
1960-61	15,723	2,064	14,187	31,974	44,032
Quarters -					
1959 - December	4,760	810	3,845	9,415	34,337
1960 - March	4,283	311	3,506	8,100	35,742
June	4,498	338	4,107	8,943	39,024
September	4,578	430	3,862	8,870	41,920
December	4,689	912	4,211	9,812	46,210
1961 - March	3,146	361	2,806	6,313	43,929
June	3,310	361	3,308	6,979	44,032
September	3,374	394	3,171	6,939	43,817
December	3,760	1,052	3,585	8,397	45,604
1962 - March	4,167	606	2,866	7,639	44,352

- (a) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods.
- (b) Figures for the year ended 30th June, 1958 are not available.
- (c) Includes Time Payment, Budget Account, Personal Loan Schemes, etc., in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glass-ware(b)	Electrical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, Parts, Patrol, etc. (d)
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	32.6	12.4	22.6	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.5	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.5	191.8	68.7
1961-62	35.1	12.9	23.5	21.1	29.0	5.1	13.0	14.2	8.4	7.1	5.4	24.7	199.5	75.1
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.7	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.9	18.3
1961	8.6	3.2	5.5	4.5	7.2	1.2	3.1	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	46.5	16.3
1962	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	49.7	(g)
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.6	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	51.9	18.7
1961	9.4	3.3	6.1	5.9	8.1	1.4	3.6	4.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	6.1	53.7	18.5
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.0	3.1	6.1	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.6	47.5	15.7
1962	8.4	3.1	6.2	5.9	6.2	1.1	3.1	3.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	6.7	49.2	19.4
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.3	3.2	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.8	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.5	16.0
1962	8.7	3.3	5.7	4.8	7.5	1.4	3.2	3.2	2.1	1.8	1.3	7.1	50.1	20.9

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1962(a)	1961(a)	1962(a)	1961(a)
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	404	578	1,435	1,634
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	9,008	8,346	28,101	25,766
Fibrous Plaster - Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	135	96	431	338
" " - Acoustic Tiles	sq. yds.	2,527	2,799	5,925	6,095
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,698	2,708	7,994	6,918
Plaster of Paris	"	1,784	1,330	5,860	4,573
Ready-Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	34,278	32,337	106,523	92,284
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	354	284	817	907
Timber, Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 super ft.	15,119	17,345	50,860	52,788
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	178	564	1,217	2,318
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	553	501	2,116	1,442
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	5,203	4,327	15,437	12,259
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	1,074	1,534	3,093	4,642
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	10,514	8,345	28,969	21,791
- Work	"	7,047	10,790	29,392	38,101
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	71,545	62,484	199,307	174,277
Slippers	"	11,119	6,538	35,108	27,059
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	411	380	877	764
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	19,586	20,723	45,600	39,591
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	761	696	2,123	1,748
Butter	"	2,045	2,492	5,647	7,019
Cheese	"	439	401	1,124	1,104
Flour (excl. Self-raising Flour)	ton (2,000 lb.)	11,425	14,956	31,978	44,637
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	-	24	58	82
Sulphuric	"	25,801	21,074	58,745	47,270
Coal	"	79,112	89,172	244,535	252,269
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	95,955	86,995	305,233	274,837
Gas (Town) Produced	million cub. ft.	124	125	390	403
Mattresses - Soft Filled (d)	number	3,297	2,581	8,759	7,947
Pig Iron	ton	3,898	4,451	9,958	13,559
Superphosphate	"	72,118	57,649	162,748	130,219
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	2,213	2,850	6,843	7,023

- (a) Preliminary figures, subject to revision.
(b) Standard size.
(c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super. feet.
(d) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge,
but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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